



# *Commencement*

*Spring 2009*





# *Fifty-second Commencement*

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*Leggett & Platt Athletic Center*

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*Saturday • May 16, 2009 • Leggett & Platt Athletic Center*  
*9:30 a.m.*

*School of Arts & Sciences • School of Technology • Associate Degrees*

*Noon*

*Robert W. Plaster School of Business Administration • School of Education*  
*Bachelor of General Studies*

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance" .....	Elgar <i>Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble</i>
Invocation .....	Mrs. Grace Ayton <i>9:30 a.m. Ceremony, Associate Professor, School of Technology, Missouri Southern State University</i> Dr. Patsy K. Lipira <i>Noon Ceremony, Head, Department of Kinesiology; Professor, School of Education, Missouri Southern State University</i>
Welcome and Introductions .....	Dr. Bruce W. Speck <i>President, Missouri Southern State University</i>
Introduction of Commencement Speaker .....	Mr. Dwight Douglas <i>Chair, Board of Governors, Missouri Southern State University</i>
Commencement Speaker .....	Dr. Richard Page <i>Neosho R-5 Superintendent; President, Southern's Organization of Superintendents</i>
Presentation of Class .....	Dr. John P. Messick <i>Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University</i>
Conferring of Degrees .....	Dr. Bruce W. Speck

## ***Presentation of Diplomas***

Congratulatory Remarks .....	Dr. Carla Walter <i>President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University</i>
Announcement of Academic Honors .....	Dr. John P. Messick
Turning of the Tassel .....	Mrs. Linda Dean, '78 <i>President, Missouri Southern Alumni Association Board of Directors</i>
MSSU Alma Mater (See page 18) .....	Ms. Renee Forest <i>'09 Music Major, Diamond</i> Mr. Evan Jewsbury <i>'09 Psychology Major, Webb City</i>
Benediction .....	Mrs. Grace Ayton, 9:30 a.m. Ceremony; Dr. Patsy K. Lipira, Noon Ceremony
Recessional "Sine Nomine" .....	R. V. Williams & E. Rosenberg <i>Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble</i>
Sign Language Interpreter .....	Mrs. Mary Zustiak

*Please remain standing until recessional is completed. • Please turn off all beepers/cell phones.*





*Dr. Richard Page*  
*Superintendent of Neosho R-5 Schools*  
**Commencement Speaker**

**D**r. Richard Page was born and reared in Little Rock, Arkansas. He graduated from McClellan High School and attended Arkansas State University where he received his Bachelor's degree and Master's degree in Music Education. He began his teaching career in Matthews, Missouri. During his teaching tenure he directed honors bands in Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri. He served as the President of the Southwest Missouri Music Educators Association in 1987.

He served as the band director and music supervisor in the Joplin R-8 School District. During that time the Joplin Band competed in the Cherry Blossom Parade and Concert Competition in Washington, D.C., where the band was ranked in the top 5 percent of the nation for performance. He started his administrative career by serving as principal in the East Newton School District and the Webb City School District. His first school superintendent experience was at Sarcoxie.

In 2000-2001 he accepted the position as Assistant Superintendent of Neosho Schools and was appointed Superintendent in 2009, where he continues to serve. Dr. Page received his Doctorate in Administration from the University of Arkansas.

He currently serves on the state District Accountability Committee for the Missouri Association of School Administrators and is President of MSSU's Southern's Organization of Superintendents.

Dr. Page and his wife, Pam, have two sons, Samuel and Kyle.



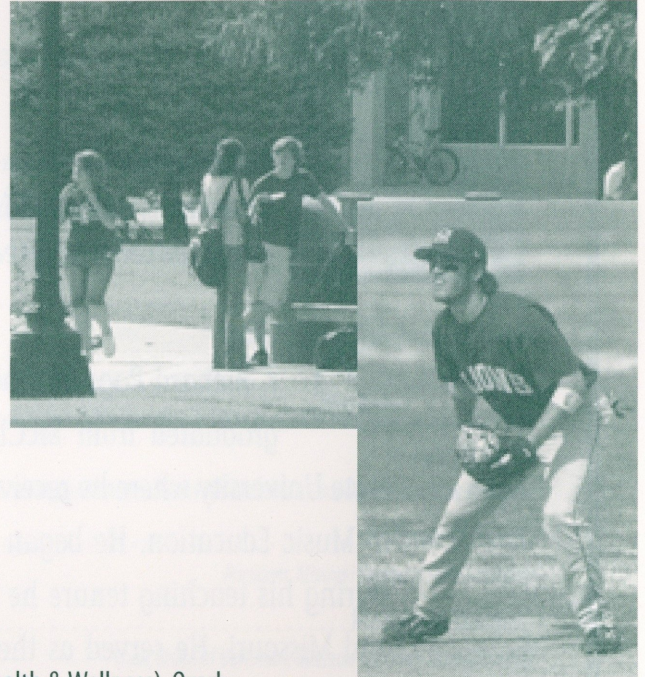
# Points of Pride

## Quality academic programs ...

- 100% pass rate National Radiologic Technologists certification exam.
- 100% pass rate on Registered Nurse exams.
- 100% pass rate on the Missouri Certification Exam in Environmental Health.

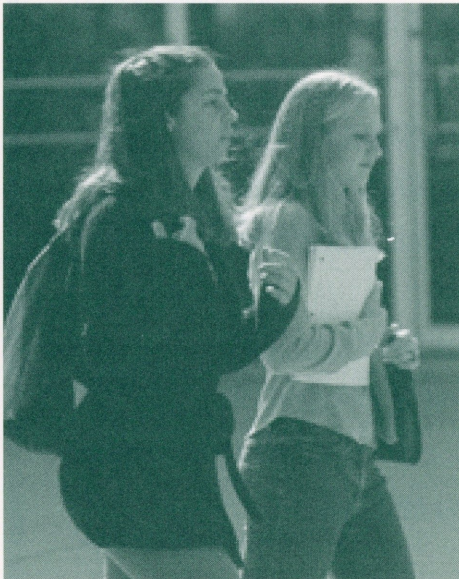
## Outstanding athletic programs ...

- Missouri Southern ranks among the best academically in the MIAA.
- During the 2008-09 season, Missouri Southern Athletics produced:
  - 5 All-Americans
  - 5 All-Region selections
  - 49 All-Conference selections
  - 19 National Scholar Athlete selections
  - 88 MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll selections
  - MIAA Women's Cross Country Champions
  - NCAA South Central Women's Cross Country Champs



## Exceptional students ...

- Glenn D. Dolence Leadership/Service Award recipient **Shannon Borgard** (Health & Wellness), Ozark. Shannon is an Honors Program student and Track and Field athlete, who has been a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), a Big Sister for the United Way and a volunteer for the Special Olympics. She is a member of leadership and academic honor societies Omicron Delta Kappa and Alpha Chi. She also has been named to the Deans' List every semester.
- **The Chart**, MSSU's student newspaper, this year brought home 19 awards including five first-place honors at the Missouri College Media Association Convention.
- Missouri Southern's **Speech and Debate Squad** placed fourth, just behind the U.S. Air Force Academy, among 80 colleges and universities from 25 states in the 2009 National Forensics Association (NFA) Championships.



## Successful graduates ...

- Missouri Southern graduates performed 17 points above the national average on the Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) certification examination.
- **Dr. Jarod Roll**, '00, (History) earned his Ph.D. from Northwestern University in 2006 and is now Director of the Marcus Cunliffe Centre for the Study of the American South at the University of Sussex, Brighton, England. <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/cunliffe> The Mt. Vernon native's Ph.D. dissertation won two prestigious prizes: Best Dissertation in Labor and Working-Class History, awarded in 2006 by Labor History, and The Herbert Gutman Outstanding Dissertation in U.S. Labor and Working Class History, awarded in 2008 by the Labor and Working Class History Association. He is author of *Spirit of Rebellion: Labor and Religion in the New Cotton South*, and co-authored *The Gospel of the Working Class: Labor's New Deal Prophets*.
- **Sharon Weber**, '92, (Communication) is Senior Manager for Corporate Affairs at Wal-Mart, Inc. and former Communications Manager in the Media Relations Office for the global organization.
- **Shannon Martinous**, '07, (Music) is studying at the prestigious New England Conservatory of Music in Boston.
- **Darren Morgan**, '08, first-year teacher at Joplin R-8 Memorial Middle School, and **Amy Jones**, '08, first-year teacher at Carthage R-9's Fairview Elementary, were named Outstanding Beginning Teachers by the Missouri Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.



# Candidates for Honors & Degrees

## Baccalaureate Degrees

### Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Ahles, Austin Dupree †  
 Ahmed, Saher †  
 Barge, Jennifer Lynn  
 Brous, Kortni Rachelle †  
 Brown, Katelyn Ann  
 Buckley, Amye E.  
 Buckley, Anna Stewart ‡  
 Capps, Christopher J.

Cullers, Christina Louise  
 Davis, Holly Jean ‡  
 Dean, Lora Alison  
 Fancher, Brandon Lee\* ‡  
 Fluharty, Sara N.  
 Frencken, Megan Leigh  
 German, Valerie Marie  
 Harrington, Loria Lee

Howe, Tim C.  
 Lightle, Jared Heath\*  
 McFadden, Rachel S. ‡  
 McGlocklin, James A.  
 Olson, Jennifer Lynn\*  
 Silvertooth, Tiffany Ann  
 Stickel, Malinda Jane  
 Talbott, Dawn M. ‡

Tallman, Jessica Mae †  
 Thomas, Joshua Gabriel\* ‡  
 Thuong, Scott Van ‡  
 Walker, Megan Nichole ‡  
 Weis, Nicholas Anthony ‡  
 Welters, Elizabeth Jean  
 Yocum, Kari Michele

## Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Bader, Linda Sue  
 Bertelsen, Michael Brent\*  
 Carter, Ryan Paul  
 Day, Matthew Douglas †  
 Driver, Hayley Michelle  
 Eck, Melissa Rae  
 Fritchie, Kari Ann †  
 Hardie, Cassie Alison

Hartman, Echo Dawn  
 Holanda, Michele Lea  
 Huser, Adrienne Marie †  
 Jones, Amber Faye †  
 Klepzig, Terri Lea  
 LeMasters, Joshua Evan\*  
 Littlefield, Amanda Gene  
 Llewellyn, Nicole Renee

Massey, Stacey Dawn  
 McAllister, Gitana G.  
 McRae, Niki Lee Redden  
 Merlotti, Perry William\*  
 Mills, Keith John  
 O'Hanahan, Lisa Ann  
 Parrigon, Aubrey Lynn  
 Payton, Karla Jane

Petty, Bryan Mathew  
 Quist, James A.\*  
 Shelhamer, Timothy A. †  
 Todd, Tonya Michelle  
 Tregnago, Adrienne Alise  
 Williams, Jennifer Alma

## Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Abbiatti, Sarah Elizabeth  
 Ansell, Nicole Dorothy  
 Armstrong, Andrew Stephen  
 Austin, Tauna Marie\*  
 Barge, Jennifer Lynn  
 Barnes, Stacey Lynn\*  
 Bearden, Eric S.  
 Bennett, April Dawn †

Bolinger, Jordan LeAnne\*  
 Boyer, Shelly N.  
 Borgard, Shannan Marie\* †  
 Cecil, Kayleigh Anne  
 Collier, Jessica Rene †  
 Davis, Aaron Berry  
 Dillahay, Megan Marie\*

Groves, Bryan Michael  
 Holloway, Michael Andrew  
 Howerton, Kathryn Marie  
 Huckle, Jamie Diane  
 Ivie, Clyde Eugene\*  
 Kieslich, Alexander Lewis  
 Klassen, Scott Andrew

Lux, Tanner Russell  
 Olson, Jennifer Lynn\*  
 Peters, Autumn Marie  
 Petersen, Trevor David  
 Sparlin, Kimberly Dawn  
 Stockton, Emma R.  
 Swadley, Chelsea Sue  
 Thornburg, Anna Michele

## Associate Degrees

### First Honors

Grade Point Average 3.90 or above

Blanchard, Heather Marie\*  
 Olson, Jennifer Lynn\*

Hale, Cassie Diane  
 Patton, Jenna Nichole

### Second Honors

Grade Point Average 3.80 - 3.89

Holanda, Michele Lea  
 Tregnago, Adrienne Alise

Klepzig, Terri Lea

### Third Honors

Grade Point Average 3.70 - 3.79

Austin, Tauna Marie\*  
 Lungren, Heidi Elizabeth

Barnes, Stacey Lynn\*  
 Smith, Shannon Lee  
 Tuttle, Laura L.

Groves, Bryan Michael  
 Thornburg, Anna Michele



# School of Arts & Sciences

## Bachelor of Arts

**Baker, Montero Shorntae**

Art  
Columbus, MS

**Barge, Jennifer Lynn**

English  
Grove, OK

**Botlik, Mandy Lynn**

Art  
Monett

**Buckley, Amye E.**

Communication  
Neosho

**Buckley, Anna Stewart ‡**

Music / German  
Neosho

**Calderon, Megan Alejandra\***

Spanish  
Webb City

**Carnahan, Clayton J.**

English  
Mound Valley, KS

**Clark, Tara Richelle\***

English  
Joplin

**Conrace, John Mark Allen †**

International Studies  
Lamar

**Crinnian, Eric Charles**

Communication  
Webb City

**Culmer, Amanda Pray**

Political Science  
Bentonville, AR

**Davis, Ashley Dawn**

Communication  
Lamar

**Dean, Lora Alison**

International Studies  
Drexel

**Dillahay, Megan Marie\***

Art  
Joplin

**Dodge, Charles Joseph**

Art  
Garden City, KS

**Dominguez, Noemi**

Spanish  
Webb City

**Doss, Charity Faith**

Art  
Joplin

**Driver, Hayley Michelle**

History  
Joplin

**Eaton, Linetta Louise**

Art  
Joplin

**Elett, Casey John\***

Communication  
Broken Arrow, OK

**Ensor, Julie Marie**

German  
Joplin

**Fair, Whitney Blake**

Art  
Carthage

**Fancher, Brandon Lee\* ‡**

Spanish  
Joplin

**Forest, Renee Elizabeth**

Music  
Joplin

**Gilbertson, Brett Thomas\***

Communication  
Alpena, MI

**Godfrey, Amanda Nicole\***

Communication  
Allen, TX

**Grau, Beverly Arlene**

International Studies  
Monroe, WI

**Gray, Danna Sue**

Art  
Lee's Summit

**Griswold, Jarrod Ray**

Communication  
Coffeyville, KS

**Hardie, Cassie Alison**

Theatre  
Joplin

**Harrington, Lacy Jay**

Art  
Neosho

**Harrington, Loria Lee**

Music  
Duenweg

**Hatfield, Shannon Marie**

English  
Monett

**Henson, Trisha**

Chemistry  
Neosho

**Hinkle, Ben T.**

International Studies  
Neosho

**Hoofnagle, Brandi Lynn**

Theatre  
Carthage

**Huser, Adrienne Marie †**

Spanish  
Joplin

**Johnson, Derek Kent Cripps**

History  
Joplin

**Kachur, Logan Paul**

Political Science  
Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Canada

**Kastler, Kyle Alan**

Spanish  
Altamont, KS

**Klinginsmith, Jill Suzanne**

Political Science  
Carthage

**Lacy, Kristin Marie**

English  
Mount Vernon

**Lefferts, Joy Maneka**

English  
Stockton

**Leggott, Courtney Jade**

Theatre  
Webb City

**Low, Jessica Lynn**

English  
Joplin

**Mailes, Kim D.**

English  
Neosho

**Martz, Adrienne Leigh**

Communication  
Joplin

**Mason, Mitchell Alexander**

Communication  
Webb City

**Mast, Cory Alan**

Music  
Miami, OK

**McCluskey, Ryan Dean**

Biology  
Moberly

**McDonald, Samuel Kenneth**

Communication  
Imperial

**McFadden, Kalee Nicole\***

International Studies  
Tucson, AZ



**McNickle, Jennifer**

*History*  
Wichita, KS

**Michaud, Briana Estelle**

*Communication*  
Webb City

**Monroe, Matthew\***

*Communication*  
N. Little Rock, AR

**Norris, Shauna Esther**

*Communication*  
Joplin

**Nunnelly, Nanda A.\***

*English*  
Joplin

**Phipps, Erin Marie**

*Music*  
Joplin

**Poiry, Alexander Charles**

*German*  
Joplin

**Roelfsema, Isaac R.**

*English*  
Neosho

**Ryan, Stephanie Lynne\***

*Communication*  
Galena, KS

**Saunders, Gemma Rachael**

*Political Science*  
Charlotte, NC

**Schuster, Heather Lynn**

*English*  
Neosho

**Smiley, Daisy Ann**

*Communication*  
Joplin

**Sparlin, Kimberly Dawn**

*English*  
Carl Junction

**Sutherland, Matthew Ryan**

*Spanish*  
Joplin

**Tallman, Jessica Mae †**

*Communication*  
Joplin

**Terry, Jason Alan †**

*Music*  
**Purdy**

**Walker, Jr., Jeffrey Allen**

*Art*  
Saint Louis

**Walker, Megan Nichole ‡**

*Communication*  
Grapevine, TX

**Wasson, Stephen Ryan**

*Art*  
Carl Junction

**White, Brandon Michael\***

*Communication*  
Ash Grove

**White, Danielle Renee**

*Theatre*  
Lee's Summit

**Youngblood, Jessi Ra**

*Art*  
Diamond

## ***Bachelor of Science***

**Aleshire, Chase Andrew**

*Mathematics*  
Joplin

**Ahles, Austin Dupree †**

*Biology*  
Carthage

**Ahmed, Saher †**

*Biology*  
Joplin

**Anderson, Kellen Russell**

*Biology*  
Cedar Springs, MI

**Anderson, Lauren Michelle**

*Biology*  
Noel

**Botzow, Samantha Nichole**

*Biology*  
Verona

**Boyer, Shelly N.**

*Biology*  
Park Hills

**Coe, Brooke Ashley**

*Biology*  
Carl Junction

**Daulton, Brock Lucas**

*Sociology*  
Osceola

**Day, Darrin Scott**

*Sociology*  
Joplin

**Day, Matthew Douglas †**

*Political Science*  
Neosho

**De La Cruz, Kayela Lynn**

*Communication*  
Coffeyville, KS

**Doughty, Jamie Melissa**

*Biology*  
Rich Hill

**Drake, Elizabeth Rae**

*Biology*  
Joplin

**Edman, Elise Kristine**

*Biology*  
Joplin

**Endicott, Michelle Suzanne**

*Sociology*  
Cartersville

**Flinn, Jr. Richard A.**

*Biology*  
Carl Junction

**Fritchie, Kari Ann †**

*Biology*  
Lee's Summit

**Frost, Rachel Marie**

*Biology*  
Southwest City

**Gage, Kathleen Marie\***

*Biology*  
Lamar

**German, Valerie Marie**

*Biology*  
Pea Ridge, AR

**Goff, Derek Wayne\***

*Communication*  
Kansas City

**Gooch, Linda "Krissey" Kristina**

*Political Science*  
Joplin

**Gullett, Laura Renee**

*Sociology*  
Carl Junction

**Hall, Chelsey Ryan**

*Biochemistry*  
Racine

**Harris, Daron A.**

*Communication*  
Saint Louis

**Hill, April Kathleen\***

*Environmental Health*  
Carthage

**Hodge Jr., John F.**

*Biology*  
Reeds



**Hucke, Jamie Diane**

*Biology*  
Bartlett, KS

**Kearney, Heather, K.**

*Political Science*  
Joplin

**Kreientsieck, Karen Ann**

*Biology*  
Nevada

**Layton, Tiffany Nicole**

*Biology*  
Caney, KS

**Lewis, John Andrew**

*Environmental Health*  
Joplin

**Martin, Jennifer Marie\***

*Biology*  
Oklahoma City, OK

**McCluskey, Ryan Dean**

*Biology*  
Moberly

**McFadden, Rachel S. ‡**

*Sociology*  
Joplin

**Miller, Katherine Alena**

*Biology*  
Joplin

**Millican, Jesse Charles**

*Communication*  
Joplin

**Muse, Cori**

*Biology*  
Dallas, TX

**Norris, Abbey Jewel**

*Biology*  
Carthage

**Perry, Bradley Benjamin**

*Mathematics*  
Kansas City

**Petty, Bryan Mathew**

*Biology*  
Manchester

**Powell, Rebecca Leah**

*Sociology*  
Raymore

**Powell, Sara Kay**

*Biology*  
LaRussell

**Price, Kristina Robin**

*Communication*  
Commerce, OK

**Quist, James A.\***

*Communication*  
Jasper

**Roberts, Whitney Nicole**

*Biology*  
Baxter Springs, KS

**Russell, David Anthony**

*Biology*  
Springfield

**Sanders, Aaron Dwight**

*Biochemistry*  
Joplin

**Schaughnessey, Allison Karene**

*Biology*  
Saint Louis

**Shelhamer, Timothy A. †**

*Environmental Health*  
Pueblo, CO

**Smith, Garrett Andrew**

*Biology*  
Carthage

**Sonis, Samantha Ekosita\***

*Communication*  
Joplin

**Stull, Ashley Kavan**

*Sociology*  
Oronogo

**Thuong, Scott Van ‡ †**

*Computational Mathematics /*  
*Mathematics*  
Joplin

**Tyurikov, Ilya A.**

*Biology*  
Joplin

**Webb, Dacon Marie**

*Communication*  
Carl Junction

**Wheeler, Ashley Ragan**

*Biology*  
Joplin

**Whiles, Austin Wayne**

*Biology*  
Overland Park, KS

**Williams, Lisa Jean**

*Sociology*  
Rich Hill

**Williamson, Dawn Renee**

*Biology*  
Galena, KS

**Yang, Mai Yia**

*Sociology*  
Stark City



# School of Technology

## Bachelor of Science

**Anderson, Heather L.**

Nursing  
Joplin

**Anderson, Kora Marie**

Nursing  
Sheldon

**Anderson, Summer Dawn**

Nursing  
Anderson

**Aubrey, James Carlton\***

Criminal Justice Administration  
Muskogee, OK

**Austin, Tauna Marie\***

Criminal Justice Administration  
Fairland, OK

**Barbosa, Karen Sue**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Carthage

**Barnes, Stacey Lynn**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Neosho

**Baugh, Joshua J.**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Joplin

**Bennett, April Dawn †**

Nursing  
Joplin

**Blankenship, Dustin Kay**

CIS- Computer Forensics/  
Criminal Justice Administration  
Carthage

**Bontrager, Sheila Marie**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Joplin

**Brake, Stefanie Lynn**

Health Science  
Joplin

**Brattin, Ashden Nichole**

Nursing  
Joplin

**Breidenstein, Desiree Marie**

Health Science  
Joplin

**Brewster, Rafael Johnathan**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Sugar Hill, GA

**Brous, Kortni Rachelle †**

Nursing  
Liberal

**Brown, Stacy Erin**

Health Science  
Webb City

**Burris II, Jerry L.**

Criminal Justice Administration /  
Computer Forensics  
Granby

**Byrns, Anna Jean**

Nursing  
Joplin

**Caire, Nicole Carol**

Nursing  
Rogers, AR

**Carey, Collyn Elizabeth**

Health Science  
Neosho

**Carter, Daniel Richard**

Nursing  
Joplin

**Chapman, Latisha Nicole**

Nursing  
Joplin

**Coatney, Wesley Brett**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Webb City

**Collier, Jennifer Renee**

Nursing  
La Russell

**Comer, Jo A.**

Nursing  
Riverton, KS

**Corum, Kathrine Anne\***

Health Science  
Joplin

**Deras, Luke Francis**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Santa Barbara, CA

**Douglas, Gabriel Mark**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Mount Vernon

**Dowling, Cheryl Jeanette\***

Criminal Justice Administration  
Girard, KS

**Eck, Melissa Rae**

Health Science  
Sarcoxie

**Elliot, Mandy Nicole\***

Health Science  
Anderson

**Ensz, Jessica LeeAnn**

Health Science  
Oronogo

**Ezell, Charity Catherine**

Health Science  
Neosho

**Feagans, Brett Anthony**

CIS- Information Technology  
Neosho

**Fletcher, Kimberly Dawn**

Nursing  
Neosho

**Gabauer, Laura Anne**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Town & Country

**Gammill, Clent Eugene**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Springfield

**Garrison, Kelly S.**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Fort Scott, KS

**Garvey, Whitney L.**

Health Promotion & Wellness  
Webb City

**Gary, Dallas Wayne**

Industrial Engineer Technology  
Stark City

**Goodwin, Ryan Patrick**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Joplin

**Groves, Bryan Michael**

CIS- Information Technology  
Carthage

**Harding, Steven Andrew**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Fredonia, KS

**Hartman, Echo Dawn**

Nursing  
Goodman

**Heidlage, Kyle Gerard**

Criminal Justice Administration-Computer  
Forensics / CIS-Computer Forensics  
Pierce City

**Hilburn, Alicia Nicole**

Nursing  
Seneca

**Hill, Victoria Ashley**

Nursing  
Joplin

**Holenda, Michele Lea**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Cassville

**Holloway, Michael Andrew**

Criminal Justice Administration / CIS-  
Computer Forensics  
Joplin

**Jacobs, Karen J.**

Health Science  
Sikeston

**Jenkins, Leslie Michele**

Health Science  
Springdale, AR



**Jones, Amber Faye** †

Nursing  
Reeds

**Jones, Georgia Lee**

Health Science  
Belle

**Katchmar, Jeffrey Steven**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Thompson, Manitoba, Canada

**Khang, Sheng**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Cassville

**King, Hannah MaeEllen**

Nursing  
Verona

**Kirby, Kayle Danielle**

Health Science  
Girard, KS

**Klepzig, Terri Lea**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Farmington

**Kohler, Alexander Bradley**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Nixa

**Lindsey, Brittani Leigh**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Neosho

**Long, Travis Alan\***

CIS- Information Technology  
Neosho

**Madden, Erin Jessica**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Lowell, AR

**McGinn, Aaron Leviticus**

CIS- Information Technology  
Carl Junction

**McGlocklin, James A.**

Criminal Justice Administration / CIS-  
Computer Forensics  
Oronogo

**McIntosh, Darren Edward**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Joplin

**Meister, Mahriya Dawn**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Alba

**Mertens, Magen Elise**

Nursing  
Joplin

**Miller, Michelle Lynn**

Nursing  
Pierce City

**Minich, Megan Suzanne**

Nursing  
Joplin

**Montgomery, Ashley B.**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Hutchinson, KS

**Moore, Benjamin P.**

CIS- Information Technology  
Iantha

**Nelson, Joy Marie**

Nursing  
Webb City

**Olson, Jennifer Lynn\***

Criminal Justice Administration  
Billings

**Osburn, Dustin Kelly**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Neodesha, KS

**Otten, Rebecca Lynne**

Health Science  
Neosho

**Patrick, Bryan DeSolomon**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Columbia, TN

**Patrick, Lynae Annette\***

Health Science  
Carthage

**Patton, Brent Christopher**

CIS-Computer Forensics/Criminal Justice-  
Computer Forensics  
Carl Junction

**Pedersen, Angela Jo**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Monett

**Petersen, Trevor David**

CIS- Information Technology  
Carthage

**Plott, Justin Robert**

Nursing  
Miami

**Poiry, Alexander Charles**

CIS- Information Technology  
Joplin

**Post, Deann Lee**

Nursing  
Carl Junction

**Prater, Jared Tucker**

Juvenile Justice / Criminal Justice  
Administration  
Springfield

**Prater, Meghan Dawn**

Health Science  
Joplin

**Putnam, Kyle Craig**

Criminal Justice Administration  
Carthage

**Ragsdale, Carrie Ellen**

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Miller

**Ready, Danielle Renae**

Nursing  
Pittsburg, KS

**Ring, Jennifer Jane**

Health Science  
Cuba

**Ripplemeyer, Aaron Christopher**

Nursing  
Waterloo, IL

**Ritchie, Megan Kathleen**

Nursing  
Joplin

**Robertson, Shelly Dawn**

Nursing  
Joplin

**Roehrs, Ashley R.**

Nursing  
Lamar

**Rosenbohm, Mary Kathryn  
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Joplin

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Carthage

**Salazar, Michelle Elizabeth**

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Carthage

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Centralia

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Nursing  
Joplin

**Self, Margaret Ann**

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Webb City

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Seneca

**Sollers, George Lynn\***

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Carterville

**Sowell, Marcella Marie\***

Health Science  
Joplin

**Spruill, Tylie Marie**

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Altamont, KS

**Stone, Justin Maxwell**

Health Science  
Broken Arrow, OK

**Terrell, Rebekah Renee**

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Joplin

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CIS- Information Technology  
Carthage

**Thornburg, Anna Michele**

Health Science  
Moberly

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Joplin



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Joplin

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Kansas City

**Turner, Lindsey Kathleen**

*Nursing*  
Riverton, KS

**Voss, Sarah Lynn**

*Health Science*  
New Haven

**Waldo, Christine S.**

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Carthage

**Wallis, Marisa Leann\***

*Health Science*  
Mountain Home, AR

**Watkins, Rhiannon Elias**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Independence

**Webb, Brandon Scott**

*Health Science*  
Diamond

**Webb, Eva Jolene Marie**

*Nursing*  
Joplin

**Webb, Hollie Beth**

*Nursing*  
Carthage

**Wilkinson, Kaitlin Sue**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Solon, IA

**Wilks, Michael Dwayne**

*CIS- Information Technology*  
Neosho

**Williams, Esther Leigh**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Liberal

**Wissmiller, Lee Hazard**

*CIS-Computer Forensics / Criminal Justice*  
*Administration*  
Dewitt, IL

**Woodring, Crystal Rachele**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Carl Junction

**Woods, Christopher W.**

*CIS-Computer Forensics*  
Joplin

## Associate of Science

**Aubrey, James Carlton\***

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Muskogee, OK

**Austin, Tauna Marie\***

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Fairland, OK

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*Dental Hygiene*  
Joplin

**Barbosa, Karen Sue**

*Law Enforcement*  
Carthage

**Baugh, Joshua J.**

*Law Enforcement*  
Joplin

**Bilyeu, Jason Ronald\***

*CADD - Engineer Technology*  
Lamar

**Blackburn, Lacey Dawn**

*Dental Hygiene*  
Rolla

**Blanchard, Heather Marie\***

*Radiology Technology*  
Liberal

**Bontrager, Sheila Marie**

*Law Enforcement*  
Joplin

**Brake, Stefanie Lynn**

*Dental Hygiene*  
Joplin

**Brashear, Hayley Melee**

*Dental Hygiene*  
Joplin

**Brewster, Rafael Johnathan**

*Law Enforcement*  
Sugar Hill, GA

**Brown, Stacy Erin**

*Dental Hygiene*  
Webb City

**Burns, Mindy Ann**

*Dental Hygiene*  
Dixon

**Burris II, Jerry L.**

*Law Enforcement*  
Granby

**Burrows, Derek Allen\***

*Radiology Technology*  
Riverton, KS

**Campbell, Brittany Lauren**

*Dental Hygiene*  
Rolla

**Chaloupek, Heather Kahealani**

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Rolla

**Coatney, Wesley Brett**

*Law Enforcement*  
Webb City

**Cook, Ashley Nicole**

*Dental Hygiene*  
Webb City

**Corbin, Casey Lynn**

*Dental Hygiene*  
Rolla

**Deras, Luke Francis**

*Law Enforcement*  
Santa Barbara, CA

**Douglas, Gabriel Mark**

*Law Enforcement*  
Mount Vernon

**Dowling, Cheryl Jeanette\***

*Law Enforcement*  
Girard, KS

**Elliot, Mandy Nicole\***

*Radiology Technology*  
Anderson

**Ensz, Jessica LeeAnn**

*Dental Hygiene*  
Oronogo

**Farless, Bradford Lee**

*Dental Hygiene*  
Seneca

**Farmer, Crystal Lee**

*Dental Hygiene*  
Grove, OK

**Feagans, Brett Anthony**

*CIS-Information Systems*  
Neosho

**Gabauer, Laura Anne**

*Law Enforcement*  
Town & Country

**Gammill, Clent Eugene**

*Law Enforcement*  
Springfield

**Garner, Alisha Marie\***

*Radiology Technology*  
Galena, KS

**Garrison, Kelly S.**

*Law Enforcement*  
Fort Scott, KS

**Gerbitz, Satia LeAnn**

*Respiratory Therapy*  
Joplin

**Goodwin, Ryan Patrick**

*Law Enforcement*  
Joplin

**Groves, Bryan Michael**

*CIS- Information Systems*  
Carthage



**Hale, Cassie Diane**  
*Dental Hygiene*  
Webb City

**Harding, Steven Andrew**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Fredonia, KS

**Harju, Miranda Dawn**  
*CADD - Engineer Technology*  
Grove, OK

**Hay, Sydney Marie\***  
*Law Enforcement*  
Wellington, KS

**Holenda, Michele Lea**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Cassville

**Hull, Branden James**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Webb City

**Jenkins, Leslie Michelle**  
*Dental Hygiene*  
Springdale, AR

**Jones, Georgia Lee**  
*Dental Hygiene*  
Belle

**Katchmar, Jeffrey Steven**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Thompson, Manitoba, Canada

**Keirse, Kristy Michelle**  
*Dental Hygiene*  
Poplar Bluff

**Keizer, Jeanna Renee**  
*Dental Hygiene*  
Joplin

**Khang, Sheng**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Cassville

**Kiersz, Shannon Nicole**  
*Dental Hygiene*  
Rolla

**Klepzig, Terri Lea**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Farmington

**Kohler, Alexander Bradley**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Nixa

**Landis, Jared Michael**  
*CADD - Engineer Technology*  
Oronogo

**Lindsey, Brittani Leigh**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Neosho

**Long, Travis Alan\***  
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Neosho

**Lungren, Heidi Elizabeth**  
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Grove, OK

**Madden, Erin Jessica**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Lowell, AR

**McGinn, Aaron Leviticus**  
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Carl Junction

**Meister, Mahriya Dawn**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Alba

**Mitchell, Lorelei Nichele**  
*Dental Hygiene*  
Neosho

**Montgomery, Ashley B.**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Hutchinson, KS

**Moore, Benjamin P.**  
*CIS - Information Systems*  
Iantha

**Moorhouse, Brian E.**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Nevada

**Nekkanti, Laura Lea**  
*Dental Hygiene*  
Sikeston

**Nickle, Landra Annette**  
*Dental Hygiene*  
Springdale, AR

**Olson, Jennifer Lynn\***  
*Law Enforcement*  
Billings

**Patrick, Bryan DeSolomon**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Columbia, TN

**Patrick, Lynae Annette\***  
*Radiology Technology*  
Carthage

**Patton, Brent Christopher**  
*CIS - Information Systems*  
Carl Junction

**Patton, Jenna Nichole**  
*Dental Hygiene*  
Walker

**Pedersen, Angela Jo**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Monett

**Pipkin, Anna LaValle**  
*Dental Hygiene*  
New Madrid

**Prater, Jared Tucker**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Springfield

**Prater, Meghan Dawn**  
*Dental Hygiene*  
Joplin

**Putnam, Kyle Craig**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Carthage

**Quinn, Melissa Jane**  
*Radiology Technology*  
Joplin

**Ragsdale, Carrie Ellen**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Miller

**Riley, Sarah Elizabeth**  
*Dental Hygiene*  
Sikeston

**Ring, Jennifer Jane**  
*Dental Hygiene*  
Cuba

**Russell, Erika Nicole**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Carthage

**Schlup, Zachary Charles**  
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Centralia

**Sheperd, Kimberly Ann\***  
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Seneca

**Smith, Shannon Lee**  
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Anderson

**Sollers, George Lynn\***  
*Radiology Technology*  
Cartersville

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Joplin

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Altamont, KS

**Strawn, Kindrea Nichole**  
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Portageville

**Thornburg, Anna Michele**  
*Dental Hygiene*  
Moberly

**Tregnago, Adrienne Alise**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Joplin

**Turner, Ashton Marie**  
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Kansas City

**Tuttle, Laura L.**  
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Van Buren

**Twidwell, Katherine Marie**  
*Dental Hygiene*  
Lodi

**Voss, Sarah Lynn**  
*Dental Hygiene*  
New Haven

**Waggoner, Janyce Marie\***  
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Joplin

**Watkins, Rhiannon Elias**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Independence

**Whaley, Julieanne**  
*Dental Hygiene*  
Lebanon

**Wilkinson, Kaitlin Sue**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Solon, IA

**Williams, Esther Leigh**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Liberal

**Woodring, Crystal Rachele**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Carl Junction

**Woods, Christopher W.**  
*CIS - Information Systems*  
Joplin

**Wooldridge, Michael Andrew**  
*CADD - Engineer Technology*  
Lamar

**Yoakum, Jessica Kendra Lea**  
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Dixon



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Accounting  
Webb City

**Anderson, Corey S.**

Management  
Liberty

**Ansell, Nicole Dorothy**

Marketing / International Business  
Joplin

**Assel, Tabitha Krystal**

Management  
Joplin

**Bader, Linda Sue**

Management  
Siloam Springs, AR

**Baker, Terri D.**

Management  
Fairland, OK

**Banes, Michael Callen**

Finance/Economics-Chartered Financial  
Analyst  
Joplin

**Bates, Lauren Jean**

Marketing / International Business  
Salem

**Beard, Tiffany Michelle**

Accounting/Economics/Finance-Certified  
Financial Management  
Asbury

**Bearden, Eric S.**

Finance/Economics-Certified Financial  
Management  
Webb City

**Beasley, Cheryl**

Management  
Webb City

**Belk, Veronica Lynn**

Accounting  
Carterville

**Bell, Justine Marie**

Finance/Economics-Certified Financial  
Management  
Duenweg

**Bertelsen, Michael Brent\***

Accounting  
Joplin

**Bichara, Charbel Paul Davou**

Marketing / International Business  
Joplin

**Bock, Amanda Marie**

General Business  
Blackburn

**Boling, Amanda Paige**

Marketing  
Gravette, AR

**Boll, Andrea Gwen**

Management  
Neosho

**Brasher, Cathy Ross**

Accounting  
Jerico Springs

**Buckley, Amanda Rose**

Management  
Valencia, CA

**Burkhart, Tana Lea\***

Management  
Neosho

**Burleson, Natalie LeAnn\***

Finance/Economics-Certified Financial  
Management  
Webb City

**Capps, Christopher J.**

Accounting  
Joplin

**Carlsen, Delores Diana**

Accounting  
Duenweg

**Carr, Donna Christine\***

Management  
Joplin

**Carter, Ryan Paul**

Accounting  
Carthage

**Chandler, Kady Ryan**

General Business  
Reeds

**Childs, Andrea Lane**

Management  
Silver Lake, KS

**Collins, Jack Lewis**

Management  
Springfield

**Cullers, Christina Louise**

Accounting  
Anderson

**Davis, Aaron Berry**

Management  
Springdale, AR

**Davis, Brandie A.**

Accounting  
Rogers, AR

**Durrant, Margaret Patricia**

Management  
Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands

**Dyer, Antwan Joseph**

Management  
La Porte, TX

**Eby, Valari C.**

Management  
Joplin

**Eckerman, Joshua Travis**

Accounting  
Webb City

**Farnsworth, Paul Joseph**

International Business  
Neosho

**Feith, Harold Lee \***

Management  
Joplin

**Fuller, Falcia Marie**

Accounting  
Diamond

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Analyst  
Carthage

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Finance/Economics-Certified Financial  
Management  
Carthage

**Hale, Lacy Breann**

Accounting  
Joplin

**Harding, Noah S.D.**

Finance/Economics-Personal Financial  
Planning  
Bellevue, WA

**Hart, Jennifer Lea**

Accounting  
Sheldon

**Helbig, Meredith Jane**

Management  
Fenton

**Hernandez-Perez, Juan Edgardo**

International Business  
Joplin

**Hess, John Edward**

Marketing  
Joplin

**Hight, Jesse Ray**

Management / Marketing  
Joplin



# ALMA MATER

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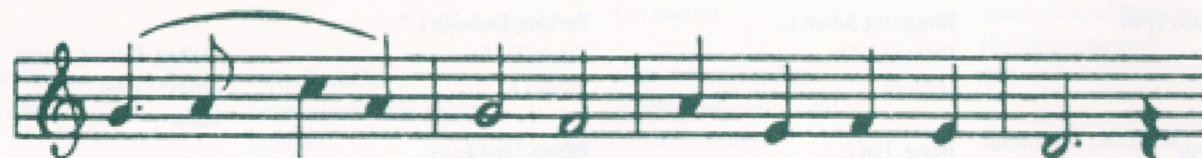
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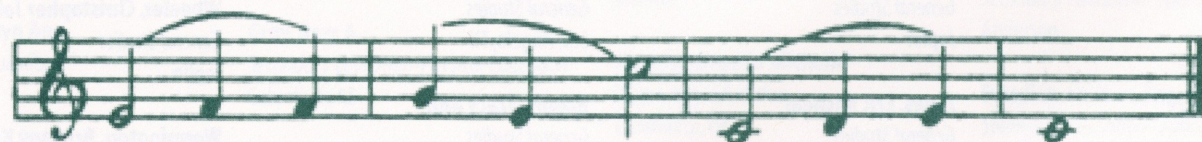
Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.

*Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley, and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.*



# Academic Attire

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in our ceremony are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

<b>Brown:</b>	Fine Arts
<b>Crimson:</b>	Journalism
<b>Dark Blue:</b>	Philosophy
<b>Golden Yellow:</b>	Science
<b>Lemon Yellow:</b>	Library Science
<b>Light Blue:</b>	Education
<b>Pink:</b>	Music
<b>Purple:</b>	Law
<b>Sage Green:</b>	Physical Education
<b>Scarlet:</b>	Theology
<b>White:</b>	Arts, Letters, Humanities
<b>Yellow Brown:</b>	Commerce, Business, Accountancy